

December 2021 Newsletter
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“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” –John 6: 56-58

I was just reading a daily devotional for November 23 by Mary Luti about “unfencing” (removing restrictions from receiving) the sacrament of Holy Communion. As with all of her devotionals, it is a good one! You can read it here: https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/needng-bread/?inf_contact_key=cf5509c294a16249248d9e705b7211157e470d92b8b75168d98a0b8cac0e9c09

The devotion concludes with these words: “There is so much hunger. The church has bread.” I agree completely. There is so much hunger out there of all kinds. And yes, we have bread to share. So what shall we do about it?

Well, we are already doing something about it, and I am not just talking about opening Holy Communion to all who wish to partake of it. We are beginning our Advent Alternative Giving Fair which has become a tradition here, and the “bread” we will be sharing will go to help Romanian orphans, feed hungry women and their children at the D/SOAC shelter, feed hungry cats at Almost Home no kill animal shelter, and help a child at the Lotus women’s homeless shelter stay warm in bed. We have just fed another meal to the homeless men of the Beacon of Hope, and in January we will do yet another food pantry collection drive. Plans are also in the works to partner with Asbury UMC and “feed” our local teaching staff at our schools, which will be less about feeding hungry bodies and more about showing our care and support to teachers who have been going through a hard time due to the impact of covid. I think it is fair to say we know we have bread to offer the hungry, and throughout our history we have shared our bread in many ways with many people.

But I wonder as we enter into the season of Advent: how are we doing with sharing the “Bread of Heaven,” who came down to give life to the world? That “Bread” sharing is a little trickier for us, as I am guessing you know. For one thing, we have a variety of theological understandings of Jesus in this church and in the wider UCC, and that can make evangelizing more of a challenge. Many of us continue to evolve in our understanding of this person and his ministry, and sometimes that can leave us unsure of where we are in relation to the faith, and to Jesus. And yes, let’s be honest, liberal Mainline Protestantism hasn’t been historically outstanding at getting its message out to others. You can judge for yourself the truth of that statement: when is the last time you had a serious conversation with anyone (other than in Adult Sunday School) and shared your beliefs about Jesus and talked about your relationship with him? Is this because the Bread of Heaven, unlike the bread we bake and share, is tougher to chew on? Is our reticence to share our faith a product of our uncertainty, our bashfulness, or our unwillingness to proselytize like those “other” Christians? Or have we stopped working for the food that doesn’t perish (John 6:27) because our minds are fixated on the perishable: our schedules, our health, our assets, our families, our circle of friends, our political leanings, our musings about the state of the nation and the world? Have we ourselves as Christians put a “fence” around Jesus and essentially chosen to stop feeding ourselves with his *body and blood*? I’m not talking about the communion version of those 2 elements, *but the elements of his life, his teachings, and his spirit*.

Friends, Advent is upon us again, and soon we will celebrate the birth of the Bread of Heaven, which is as sweet and nostalgic a story as any I am aware of. Who, like Ricki Bobby of “Talladega Nights,” doesn’t love little baby Jesus in his “golden fleece diapers and tiny, little fat balled up fists?”

And yet his sentimental birth was but his human entrance into this world to share his vision of Life with us and to provoke us into becoming Sons of Daughters of God—even when we were/are not willing to grow into that great summons. If ever there is a need for us to feed on the Bread of Heaven, it is now! Let the sorry state of the world validate that exclamation point.

And if ever our deepest hungers, and the hungers of the world, are to be satisfied in life-giving ways, then we need to take his metaphorical/metaphysical body and blood into us, take on his yoke, strive to answer his timeless “*Who do you say that I am*” ...and get about the business of discipleship, which is apprenticing ourselves to him so we can get about our Father’s business, as he did so long ago.

This year for Advent, even as we are feeding endlessly on the Christmas cookies, cakes, and breads that we will make and share, may we all honor the intent of the season and rededicate ourselves to feeding on the Bread of Heaven and sharing that food with others in every way we can. Become an authentic seeker and search the scriptures in order to feel something of the power of his mysterious life. Meditate on his deep messages about us, about God, about love, and what we have to share with our fellow human beings. Open your mind to what he has to show you...open your heart to feel the love in you that he wants to coax out of you. Pry yourself off dead center and really pray, in the words of Ted Loder, that something essential will happen to you over this Advent season--and then be open to the unexpected hungers of both yourself and others that will surely come your way when you surrender to being an instrument of his healing and peace. And let his peace dwell in you, so that steadied by his peace you can regain your sanity, find your high purpose, give all of yourself and yet remain centered, and share with the world some of the Bread of Heaven that now lives in you. Those are lofty Advent challenges! *But these are the kinds of challenges that make Advent what it was always meant to be: a life-changing season that prepares us for a deeper life of faith and discipleship.*

May all your hungers—and all the hungers of the world—find something good to eat this Advent as you feast on the reason for the season: the Bread of Heaven, who came to give us LIFE!

–Pastor Craig

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

M 8 am - 1 pm
T 9 am – 1 pm
W 8 am – 4:30 pm
Th 8 am – 4:30 pm
F 9 am – 1 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

1 - Tracy Wehrhan
3 - Alexis Tudor
4 - Ron Epps
6- Jamie Roelfs
8 - Pat Kesler
10 - Joyce Gelhaus
11 – Kaelyn Butz
13 - Susan Meinders
14 - Nancy Urich
17 - Bob Van Diest
17 - Matt Byrne
20 - Don Bruner
23 – Sara Imhoff
26 - Alan Yungclas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

18 - Sharon & Bruce Perry
28 - Dale & Gayle Olson
30 - Lynn & Debbie Jaycox
30 - Ed & Andrea Mosbach
31 - Mark & Connie Gustafson

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Be The Church

- Protect the environment.
- Care for the poor.
- Forgive often.
- Reject racism.
- Fight for the powerless.
- Share earthly and spiritual resources
- Embrace diversity.
- Love God.
- Enjoy this life.

Constitution Task Force the Cabinet is asking for volunteers to serve on a task force to review and update our current Constitution and Bylaws. If you would like to serve on that task force please speak with our current Vice Moderator, Joyce Gelhaus.

Christmas Adopt-a-Family this year Upper Des Moines Opportunities (UDMO) is sponsoring a Christmas adopt-a-family (previously the Angel Tree) for 50 local families who are having financial difficulties. If you would like to adopt a family and help make Christmas brighter for children in need, please call Jamie Ragland of UDMO at (515) 832-6451. She will give you information about possible families to adopt. As in previous years they would like the Christmas gifts returned unwrapped and marked by family # and the child's age for whom you have purchased gifts. Please drop off your gifts at the UDMO drive-thru, 1610 Collins St., from 8 am-noon on Wednesday, December 8, as the families will pick up their gifts on December 9.

Living Nativity As we approach the season of Christmas, we want to witness to the Good News of the birth of Jesus by offering a Living Nativity to our community. It will be held Saturday, December 11, from 6:00-8:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in fellowship Hall for the four half-hour shifts beginning at 6:00. You can volunteer to be a specific character — wiseman, shepherd, Joseph, Mary, Angel or be assigned a character. You can sign up for more than one time slot (and warm up with hot drinks

and treats between shifts). Costumes will be available in Fellowship Hall.

No KLAB –December 15, 22 and 29

There will be no KLAB on December 15, 22 and 29 due to the holidays.

Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund will be taken at the Christmas Eve service on December 24. For over 100 years this offering has been a way to ensure the light of love and hope for the faithful servants of our church who find themselves facing unforeseen financial needs. Hundreds of clergy and lay employee lives have been touched over the years by your generosity. Pension supplementation, health premium supplementation, emergency grants, and gift checks are given to UCC pastors and lay workers in need. This will continue with your help. Please give generously this Christmas.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

After being cancelled last year due to covid, our December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held in-person in our sanctuary beginning at 5 p.m.! Communion will be offered at this service using the single serve containers we have been using during the covid pandemic. We will also continue the tradition of lighting candles at the end of the service, darkening the sanctuary, and singing " Silent Night." Masking for the service will be required. Join us for a beautiful service celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!

Medicare

Open enrollment is until December 7. Make sure you have coverage that meets your needs. SHIP can help you sort things out 832-7769.

Alternative Giving Fair

This December the Mission Board will once again be hosting an alternative giving fair. This gives all of the congregation ways to give of themselves to those in need in the area and in the world. Each of the weeks will have a particular focus. You will see a poster or display up in the Fellowship Hall and a place to donate or give to that week's cause.

November 28th -Romanian Orphanage

We will once again be sponsoring orphans from Romania. These are children in Steve Mathers'

ministry (Donna Ryherd's cousin). Please check out the display in Fellowship Hall and support this very important mission.

December 5th - Casseroles for D/SAOC

We will be collecting 9 x 9 or 9 x 13 casseroles (cook's choice) to donate for residents of the shelter. Please assemble casseroles in disposable, aluminum cookware, cover in foil and label with the following information: name of dish, ingredients, and the required baking time. Place casseroles into church deep freeze and the Mission Board will transport to Fort Dodge.

December 12th - KLAB/Almost Home Partnership

The KLAB Kids will collect donations of Purina Cat or Kitten Chow, or cans of wet cat food, for Almost Home no-kill animal shelter in Fort Dodge. Purina Cat or Kitten Chow is what Almost Home generally feeds their sheltered felines.

December 19th --LOTUS women's homeless shelter twin bed comforters. LOTUS has a need for new twin-sized comforters (any color or fabric, just washable) for the twin beds provided for the children at the shelter.

Thank you for supporting our Advent Alternative Gift Fair!

Hanging of the Greens on November 21



Treasurer's Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Pledges and Offerings	\$13,239.90	\$147,522.41
Other Income	0.00	.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,239.90	\$147,522.41
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Outreach and Mission	1,839.67	\$14,609.66
Pastoral Services	7,816.56	79,872.71
Maintenance and Repairs	1,018.06	24,751.48

Church Office	3,652.53	30,101.88
Music Ministry	417.84	6,468.41
Christian Education	90.43	211.28
Local Ministry	0.00	16.67
Misc. Expenses	6.42	535.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,841.51	\$156,567.39

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Webster City, Iowa

Cabinet Meeting held on November 9, 2021

Members Present:

Moderator:	Nick Oberender	Pastor:	Craig Blaufuss
Vice Moderator:	Joyce Gelhaus	Trustees:	Joyce Gelhaus
Finance Sec.:	Dale Olson	Women's Fellowship:	Gayle Olson
Finance :	Tracy Wehrhan	Mission:	Stephanie Hill
Staff/Parish:	Holly Riemenschneider	Worship:	
Christian Ed:	Vicki Blaufuss	Evangelism:	Patty Gescheidler
Treasurer:	Tracy Wehrhan	Clerk:	Stephanie Hill

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by the Moderator, Nick Oberender in Fellowship Hall with protocols in place. Pastor Craig opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the October Cabinet meeting were read. A better explanation of the fate of the choir was needed. Gayle Olson moved that the minutes be approved with the correction. Holly Riemenschneider seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Offerings for October were \$13,239.90 and expenses were \$14,841. Tracy Wehrhan moved and Joyce Gelhaus seconded a motion that the report be put to audit. The motion passed.

Pending Business:

Budget Meeting Concerns: The issue of how to evaluate absentee ballots if changes are made to the budget at the in-person meeting was brought forth. It was decided that this will be covered in the next constitutional update.

New Business:

- a. Offer on adjacent lot: An offer for the 2 lots was approved by the Trustees. Tracy Wehrhan moved that we sell the lots. Dale Olson seconded the motion. There were 8 yeas with 1 nay. The motion passed. Whether we can use the lots until construction begins is being investigated. Finance Board will decide how the funds will be used.
- b. Non-members serving on boards: Discussion was held on the ability of non-member to serve on church boards and committees. Stephanie Hill moved that non-members be allowed to serve on boards and committees as non-voting members. The motion was seconded by Tracy Wehrhan. The motion passed.
- c. Constitutional Update: A committee will be assembled to update the constitution in February.
- d. Plumbing/leaks: The church sustained water damage due to copper pipes leaking. ServiceMaster was able to clean up some of the damage, but repairs to the damaged pipes will be done by Chalfant Plumbing.

Board Summaries:

Christian Education: KLAB is continuing with 7 children. There are now 5 confirmands who may be able to go on field trips to temples, etc. as things normalize. The Backpack program is back in operation at Trinity Lutheran. **Evangelism:** Has not met. Though it was noted that ushers are difficult to get.

Finance: Has not met yet. **Mission:** Beacon of Hope meal will be served on November 23rd. It will consist of casseroles, salad, cranberry relish, rolls, and pumpkin bars. Sign-up sheets will be put up in church. In January, a Food Pantry collection will be taken for ACE. More information will be coming. A plea for t-shirts to make into totes will occur in January/February timeframe. Volunteers will be needed to sew. An Alternative Giving event will begin the week of November 28th benefiting Stepping Forward in Romania. There will be a tree with pictures in Fellowship Hall. Week 2 beginning December 5th will be casseroles for D/SOAC. Week 3 beginning December 12th will be an Almost Home event by KLAB

benefiting the animal shelter. Week 4 beginning December 20th will a blanket donation to benefit either UDMO, ACE or Lotus. **Staff Parish:** Has not met since February 2021.

Trustees: Repairs to the church are ongoing. One of the projectors was sent for repair. The pipes that leaked in the basement still need repaired before drywall and the ceiling are done. A formal offer for of the lots that have been for sale since 2017 was approved by the Trustees. **Worship Board:** A suggestion was made that wine be served again for communion. Hanging of the Greens was discussed. Due to the number of deaths from Covid the board recommended masking during the service and dispensing with coffee after worship. Donna Ryherd resigned as chairperson on November 1st because of moving out of the county. Gretchen McGlynn will replace her. **Women's Fellowship:** Has not met due to lack of topics.

Pastor's Cabinet Report: Only 1 projector is working now. Repairs will hopefully be made on the one sent in, but supply chain issues are hindering replacement efforts. All Saints Sunday is November 21st when candles may be lit for deceased loved ones. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship for Advent Readings. Southfield and Crestview have cancelled worship services. All items in the ORFF room were water damaged and had to be disposed to prevent mold and mildew. Cleanup was done by ServiceMaster. The only bathroom that functions now is the Bridal Bathroom on the lower level with cold water only. The church kitchen also has cold water only at this time. Read the entire Board and Committee Reports below.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAFF/PARISH COMMITTEE

Cindy gave us a brief summary of our duties. Mainly to have an annual performance review of all staff members, recommendations as to continuing education and consider staff time off.

Pastor Craig Blaufuss will be gone on Sunday, April 25, 2021 and Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Each member of the committee was assigned a contact person from the staff.

They are as follows: Cindy Henning----Pastor Craig Blaufuss, Mary Van Diest----Michele Omgig, Lorraine McCoskey----Sunshine Duffy, Holly Riemenschneider---Curt McCoskey, Mary Vavroch----Melissa Hindt

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Old Business

Shawn Moran is working on the outside doors. He cannot strip and paint like we thought might work. The wood is too rotten. He will use the manmade material on the main entrance and east door, like he did on the NE door.

Projector has been sent in for repair. It will take a few months. Then next year we will look at if would go to new projectors or TVs.

Platinum Connect has been contacted to run internet line to the church. At a later date they will contact use if we want the \$39.95 plan or the \$49.95 plan.

Once Service Master has finished drying out the basement from the pipe breaking, we will check with the plumber to see how to repair the present water lines. After the water lines are repaired then the drywall and ceiling will be repaired.

New Business

We have had a formal offer for the lots. The offer is \$25,000, what the church is asking. The offer was accepted by the Trustees. The next step will be to take it to the next cabinet meeting. If approved, then the agreement will be written by our lawyer. The abstract was updated January of 2020. The lots have been for sale since the fall of 2017, after a congregational vote.

WORSHIP BOARD

We recommend continuing to use the one working projector during worship.

Communion suggestion to serve wine on a table was considered. It was noted that the wine was missed. It was also noted that we would need disposable glasses for safety with Covid. As chairperson, I am in favor of continuing with our current preparations of communion in single serving cups with grape and bread. The board can research the availability of small cups with lids for wine/juice that might fit inside our current communion saucers. Next communion will be on November 7.

Hanging of the Greens will be directed by Don Bruner and details will be worked out at the November Board meeting.

After receiving an email from Pastor Craig following the Ministerial Association meeting, the board sent a recommendation for protocols for masking at worship be reinstated by Cabinet and also ask that we dispense with coffee following worship. This action is based on deaths in the community due to Covid. Chairperson Donna will resign as of Nov. 1, 2021 due to moving out of the county. Gretchen McGlynn volunteered to replace her. Donna will leave the 3-ring binder at the church for the worship board. Next Worship Board meeting is on the church calendar for Tuesday November 16, 2021 3 pm.

PASTOR'S CABINET REPORT
November 4, 2021

Worship: We have now moved indoors for worship, and we are a bit hamstrung with one projector in the shop for repairs. Unfortunately, the back TV display relied on the missing projector for its signal, so we are down to 1 display only. We have received a quote for repairs and so hopefully the repairs will be speedily made. The trustees are looking at replacing our aging projectors, but supply chain issues are making it hard to purchase new projectors at this time.

On November 14 we will hold our annual congregational budget meeting after worship. We will observe All Saints Sunday November 21st, with the option to light candle(s) for your deceased loved ones. Letters have been sent out to those families who lost church members since the pandemic began, as we could not hold an in-person All Saints worship service in 2020. After worship on the 21st we will decorate the church for Advent! Please plan to stay and help with this seasonal labor of love. We will need weekly advent candle liturgy readers as well; there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Care Center Sunday Worship Services: Due to a case of Covid in the facility Southfield had cancelled Sunday worship services, and Crestview has cancelled them as well.

Christian Education: KLAB continues on a weekly basis with 7 students attending. We had our annual Trick or Treat Halloween party with 5 KLAB students and 5 Confirmation students participating. Treats are needed almost weekly, and there is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to volunteer to bring them. Also, the KLAB leaders and teachers reversed their earlier decision and decided that indoor masking for the children will be required. We did not hold KLAB on November 3. Vicki and I delivered 8 "we care" bags to children of the church who are too young to attend KLAB or are out of town on Wednesdays.

Confirmation has begun, and we now have 5 students with the addition of Izzy McNiel. We are currently studying the Bible, and we hope to be able to go on a few field trips. I have contacted the Temple Bnai Jeshuran in Des Moines and the Hindu Temple in Madrid to see if they are allowing visitors into their spaces, but I have not yet heard back from them. Also the confirmands will plan, cook and serve a meal for the Beacon of Hope sometime in January.

Adult Ed has begun to meet indoors, and we are currently discussing "corrosion" and the forces that are corroding our republic as well as our individual peace and wellbeing.

WCMA: We again met October 19 here at First Congregational. Sharon Perry attended the meeting to give us an update on the Ecumenical Human Needs Fund. She will again apply for a grant from the Morrison Trust, as we anticipate increased demand on this fund. The school backpack program should be distributing backpacks to elementary students in the first half of November. Pastor Joe Pierson has met with the banks and has been added to the signature cards as our newest Treasurer.

Water Leaks: On October 15 we developed 2 water leaks in a cold-water line near the boilers of the church. These were repaired with no significant damage to the church. On October 19 we discovered a larger water line leak in the ORFF room, which required Service Master to come and begin the drying process to prevent mildew and black mold from growing. Unfortunately, all of the items in the ORFF room were water damaged and needed to be disposed of. We want to thank Curt McCoskey, Joyce Gelhaus, Donna Ryherd, Stephanie Hill, Gayle Olson, and Tom and Holly Riemenschneider for clearing out the ORFF room so that Service Master could do their work. Currently the primary supply line of cold water is shut off, which means that the restrooms in Fellowship Hall and at the bottom of the stairs to the Lower Level have no cold water and no toilets that can be flushed. The Bridal Bathroom in the Lower Level is on a different cold water supply line, so it is the only functioning bathroom in the church at this time. The church kitchen also has cold water since it is supplied by the same water line as the Bridal Bathroom. The City has been contacted about our water leak and our name has been put on a "list." Randy Chalfant will do the plumbing repairs, but since this problem is city-wide, we don't know when we will have our water restored.

The breakdown of my ministry since October 12:

Worship services led:3; Christian Ed:5; Meetings:3; Visitation :5

Vacation:3 weeks (Apr 19-Apr 25, May 27-June 2, July 22-28)

MISSION BOARD

Mission board met at 5 pm on Tuesday, November 2nd. Members present were Pastor Craig, Audrey Burtnett, Sherry Leksell, Karin Yungclas, and Stephanie Hill.

Pastor Craig opened the meeting with a prayer, and provided cabinet meeting notes. Cabinet highlights included: updated masking policy for church, no coffee fellowship at this time. The cabinet approved budget, and there will be an all-church meeting on 11/14 to approve. 11/21 will be the hanging of the greens after church as well as All Saints Sunday. There is no plan for a meal following. KLAB is still meeting but with masks. 3 of 7 children were exposed to or had Covid.

Unfinished business:

We agreed to the November Beacon of Hope meal. At this writing, the date has not been set. The November meal will include: chef's choice poultry casserole, cranberry relish, salad mix & dressing, rolls, and pumpkin bars. Sherry will create a poster board for sign up and will type up promotion for Michele to put in the bulletin for donations of food as well as servers. Pastor Craig said that confirmands will do the January/February meal but will need mission board to assist with promotion. He will give us details when this is planned out.

Food Pantry Collection - January

No date was set but board approved of a "Souper Bowl" - (if we can serve food at that time) or a free will offering and canned food donation. Proceeds from this will go to ACE.

T-shirt Totes - Marjorie has a large supply in storage at her house. Sherry will write up a request for t-shirts in December/January with the hopes that we will find willing sewers in January so that bags will be done by February.

New Business

Alternative Giving weeks were planned.

Week 1 - Will be Romanian orphan sponsorship. Stephanie Hill will reach out to Donna to get information and pictures from Steve Mathers. She will also be in charge of writing up promotional stuff for the bulletin/newsletter. Karin Yungclas will set up the tree with angels for people to sponsor. Craig will print photos out if that is needed.

Week 2 - December 5th. Casseroles for D/SAOC - Sherry Leksell will do promotional materials, poster, and will be responsible for delivery. They are asking for pre-made frozen casseroles. Size can be chosen by the giver. Some notes about what the casserole is, ingredients, and baking instructions should be supplied with the casserole. These can be dropped off into the deep freezer at the church.

Week 3 - KLAB Almost Home promotion. KLAB kids will work on promotional materials and poster for a week that will ask congregants for donations needed by the animal shelter.

Week 4 - Blanket donation. We will ask congregants for donations of new blankets. Audrey will reach out to Lotus, UDMO, and ACE to see their needs. Stephanie will do the promotion for this week.

We discussed supporting Sleep in Heavenly Peace - but found that it might be cost prohibitive for our church to support.

Afghan Refugees - Dan Corrow reached out to Sherry Leksell to investigate interest in supporting Afghan refugees who might move to the Webster City area. This was informational only, and at this time there are no plans in place to do this.

Coming up nominations. We discussed as a board suitable candidate for mission board. Some questions arose about having dual membership in our church and another, and if that member could serve on boards. Pastor Craig will discuss this possibility for a potential new member.

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm. Next meeting will be December 7 at 5pm.

CORRECTION TO THE CABINET MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2021

An incorrect statement regarding the cancellation of the choir. The cabinet minutes were amended to more clearly state: Sunshine Duffy recently emailed all choir members asking for input about the state of the choir. Because the choir is small, illness, snowbirds, etc. can severely affect their ability to perform each Sunday. She suggested small groups on special occasions would be a more appropriate alternative. There were no responses to her email.

My apologies for any hurt feelings the original inaccurate statement may have caused.

Stephanie Hill, Church Clerk

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